

November 19, 2002

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street S.W., TW-A325 Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Ex Parte Notice

Appropriate Framework for Broadband Access to the Internet Over Wireline Facilities, CC Docket No. 02-33; USF Contribution Mechanism Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200, 95-200, 95-116, 98-170 and NSD File No. L-00-72

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Friday, November 15, 2002, Daniel Gonzalez, Senior Legal Advisor for Commissioner Kevin J. Martin met with L. Marie Guillory presenting the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association (NTCA), and Margot Humphrey representing the National Rural Telecom Association (NRTA) to discuss the above-captioned matters.

During the meeting NTCA and NRTA distributed the attached documents outlining their positions on the reclassification of broadband as an "information" service. In addition, NTCA and NRTA discussed their opposition to current connection-based USF contribution proposals.

In accordance with the Commission's rules, an original and two copies of this letter are being filed with the Secretary's Office. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact L. Marie Guillory at 703-351-2021 or Margot Humphrey at 202-457-5915.

Sincerely,

/s/ L. Marie Guillory L. Marie Guillory Vice-President

Enclosures

cc: Daniel Gonzalez